

SENATE BILL 2232

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 37 and Title 39, relative to permanency plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-403, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(5) and substituting instead the following:

(5) In cases involving child abuse or child neglect, with such child being placed in foster care, the statement of responsibilities shall stipulate that the abusing or neglecting parent shall receive appropriate rehabilitation assistance through mental health consultation if so ordered by the court. The agency preparing the plan and the court, in developing or approving a plan, shall consider whether the allegations of abuse or neglect warrant supervision of any visitation between the child and the abusing or neglecting parent and whether it is in the best interest of the child that the plan require supervised visitation between the child and the abusing or neglecting parent.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.